

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 295

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Hazel Allen Gordon  
on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Allen Gordon will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 10, 2017, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Moore County, Hazel Gordon is the daughter of John Wiseman Allen and Myrtice Ann Gore Allen; she was raised for a time by her step-aunt due to her mother's death and her father's departure to serve in World War I. Upon Mr. Allen's return, he married Julia Gore Allen, and the couple had two daughters; and

WHEREAS, known for her task-driven personality, Hazel Gordon quickly learned how to sew and cook; at the age of eleven, she learned how to drive and continued to do so until she was ninety-seven years old; and

WHEREAS, a 1935 graduate of Moore County High School, Mrs. Gordon attended Athens Women's College in Alabama for one year and Middle Tennessee State Teachers College, now Middle Tennessee State University, for one year, earning her permanent teacher's certificate; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Gordon's teaching career of over thirty years began in a two-room school at Turkey Creek in Moore County; she later taught at Flat Creek Elementary, Shelbyville Central Elementary, and Eakin Elementary in Shelbyville, mostly teaching fourth and sixth grades; and

WHEREAS, on December 26, 1940, Hazel Gordon was joined in marriage with Richard Gordon in the home of a Church of Christ minister in Shelbyville; they were married for sixty-nine years until Mr. Gordon's passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon made their home in Flat Creek; following the birth of their first daughter, they bought a 252-acre farm on Hill Top Road, where Richard Gordon raised hogs and cattle and grew tobacco, corn, hay, and a garden; the couple retired in 1977 and moved to Orchard Drive in Shelbyville; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys the love and support of her daughters, Anne Gordon Sanders and Betty Gordon Goodpaster; her grandchildren, Sarah Teague, Dr. Will Sanders, John Goodpaster, and James Goodpaster; her great-grandchildren, Ava Jean, Locke, Rohan, Sonia, Maggie, and Hazel; and her half-sister, Pauline Allen Rassler, who is ninety; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gordon exhibits her devout religious faith at Flat Creek Church of Christ, where she has been a member since she married in 1940; her husband served as a deacon and elder for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, as Hazel Gordon approaches her eleventh decade, she is the last living charter member of the Flat Creek Community Club; she was an active member of the Shelbyville Woman's Club, the Home Demonstration Club, and the Bedford County Retired Teachers Association until recently; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Hazel Allen Gordon on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.